

Photo Identification Implementation

What's the Photo ID Requirement?

- Beginning in 2016, each voter voting in person must show a photo ID bearing a reasonable resemblance of that voter in order to vote a regular ballot.
- The photo ID must show an expiration date, and not be expired.*

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Limited exceptions apply.

What types of Photo ID are acceptable?

- NC drivers license, including a learner's permit or a provisional license.
- NC special identification card for nonoperators.
- US passport.
- US military identification card, except no printed expiration or issuance date is needed.
- Veterans Administration ID card, except no printed expiration or issuance date is needed.
- Tribal enrollment card issued by a federally recognized tribe, except no printed expiration date is needed if there is an issuance date of not more than 8 years prior.
- Tribal enrollment card issued by a tribe recognized by NC, provided that the card meets all of the following criteria:
 - Is issued in accordance with a process approved by the NC State Board of Elections that requires an application and proof of IDentity equivalent to the requirements for issuance of a special identification card by NC DMV.
 - Is signed by an elected official of the tribe.
- Drivers license or nonoperators identification card issued by another state, the District of Columbia, or a territory or commonwealth of the United States, but only if the voter's voter registration was within 90 days of the election.

What must the State Board do?

- Disseminate information through public service announcements, print media, radio, TV, on-line and social media about:
 - Photo ID requirements for voting
 - How to obtain photo ID appropriate for voting
 - Assist any registered voter without photo ID appropriate for voting to obtain such photo ID.
- Work with other public agencies, private partners, and nonprofits to identify voters without photo ID appropriate for voting and assist those voters in securing such photo ID.
- Ensure that all outreach efforts to voters about the photo ID requirements are accessible to the elderly and persons with disabilities.
- Work with county boards of elections in the counties where there is no DMV drivers license office open 5 days a week to (i) widely communicate information about the availability and schedules of DMV mobile units and (ii) provide volunteers to assist voters with obtaining photo ID through the DMV mobile units.
- Include information about photo ID on its Web site.
- Distribute information about the photo ID requirements to groups and organizations serving persons with disabilities or the elderly.

What must county boards do?

- Include information about photo ID when sending new voter registration cards as a result of new registration, changes of address, or for notice of new district assignments.
- Include information about photo ID on the board's website, if the county maintains a board of elections Web site.
- Include a brief statement that photo ID will be required to vote in person beginning in 2016 in any notice of elections published for the 2014 primary and 2014 general election.
- Post information about photo ID at the polls and at early voting sites, beginning in 2014.

What must the State Board and County Boards do together?

- The State Board of Elections, DMV, and county boards of elections in counties where there is no DMV drivers license office open 5 days a week must:
 - Include information about mobile unit schedules on existing Web sites
 - Distribute information about these schedules to registered voters identified without photo ID
 - Publicize information about the mobile unit schedules through other available means.
- The State Board of Elections and county boards of elections are to direct volunteers to assist registered voters in counties where there is no DMV drivers license office open 5 days a week.

What happens at the polls in 2014-2015?

- Between May 1st and January 1, 2016, any registered voter may present that voter's photo ID to the elections officials, **BUT MAY NOT BE REQUIRED TO DO SO.**
- Between May 1st and January 1, 2016, each voter presenting in person is to be notified that photo ID will be required to vote in 2016, and be asked if that voter has photo ID appropriate for voting.
 - If that voter indicates he or she does not have photo ID appropriate for voting, that voter:
 - Will be asked to sign an acknowledgment of the photo ID requirement.
 - Be given a list of the types of photo ID appropriate for voting.
 - Be given information on how to obtain those types of photo identification.
 - The list of names of those voters who signed an acknowledgment is a public record.